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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: PROCESS FOR DRY-RECYCLING OF (U,Pu)O2 MIXED-OXIDE NUCLEAR FUEL

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-identified Application, please make the

following amendments:

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Please insert the attached page number 11, containing an Abstract of the Disclosure, as the last page of the application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) The process as claimed in Claim 1, wherein scrapped unsintered powders and/or powders arising from grinding (8) of fuel pellets are taken as powder scrap for the aforementioned pelletizing (20) and sintering (21) of the pretreatment.

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